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BAKU PETROLEUM INDUSTRY UNSATISFACTORY

AZERBAIDZHAN OUTPUT LESS THAN 1948 PLAN -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 22, 2 Feb 48

According to a survey of 1948 industrial production made by the 17th Congress of KP(b) of Azerbaydzhian, petroleum enterprises did not fulfill the 1948 production plan. This plan had been expanded to exceed the 1946-47 plan. Baku petroleum-processing and machine-building plants, however, were foremost in the Republic.

Prospecting for new petroleum fields during the last 3 years has not been efficient enough to make up for the time lost during the war. Frequent breakdowns and long periods of idleness indicate that production methods are inadequate and that prospecting is poorly organized.

The large oil field reserves were not fully utilized in 1948. Only 90% of the 1,500 oil wells, temporarily out of use, were reconstructed. Several hundred oil wells went out of operation because of poor technological methods and lack of repairs.

EASTERN REGIONS FULFILL 1948 PLAN -- Stalinskoye Znaniya, No 1, 1 Jan 49

A. Yevseyenko, Minister of the Petroleum Industry, USSR Eastern Regions, in a letter to Stalin, reports that the ministry completed the 1948 plan for petroleum extraction. The volume of drilling in 1948 increased 30 percent and the extraction of petroleum increased 19.3 percent as compared with 1947. Petroleum industry workers in Kuybyshev Oblast and in Central Asia completed their pledge to fulfill the Five-Year Plan for petroleum extraction in 3 years. The petroleum refineries fulfilled the annual plan for automobile gasoline 109.5 percent and increased production 22.5 percent as compared with 1947. The year plan for production of kerosene was fulfilled 117 percent; 114 percent for ligroin, and 125.7 percent for Diesel fuel. Enterprises of the Ministry realized 190 million rubles in profits above the plan, and increased productivity of labor by 21 percent.

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ANDIZHAN WORKERS COMPLETED FIVE-YEAR PLAN -- Stalinskoye Znaniya, No 1, 1 Jan 49

Andizhan petroleum workers hold first place among enterprises of Andizhan Oblast for completing the Five-Year Plan in 2 years and 11 months. The "Palvantash" Field took the lead.

ESTONIAN SHALE MINE EXCEEDS JANUARY PLAN -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 29, 5 Feb 49

The "Kukruse" Shale Mine in Estonia fulfilled the January 1949 plan for shale mining 125 percent. The mine is participating in socialist competition to fulfill the 1949 year plan ahead of schedule.

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